Planning a digital project: successes

Digital Civil War: *Commemorating the Sesquicentennial*

http://www.nccivilwar150.com/history/digital-resources.htm

A project of the State Library of North Carolina and the North Carolina State Archives, NC Department of Cultural Resources
Digital Civil War Collection

- Collaboration
- Phases
- Promotion

North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial

Civil War Resources: North Carolina Digital Collections

Read letters to and from soldiers during the course of the war. Examine published regimental histories. Search related state documents and selected governors’ correspondence and letter books. A growing number of resources relating to the Civil War are being digitized by the North Carolina State Archives and the Government & Heritage Library at the State Library of North Carolina and are made available through the North Carolina Digital Collections for historians, researchers, students, genealogists and other interested parties.

- Search digitized resources
- Browse digitized resources
- View all digitized resources
- Letters Timeline (Follow soldiers’ movements through the conflict)
- Contact NC Digital Collections

Featured resource:

Letter North Carolina Governor Assembly representatives to the Peace Conference to Governor Ellis, Feb. 27, 1861. View item.
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- Collaboration

Image from http://pilgrimshandicrafts.com/outdoors-team-building
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- Collaboration
  - Archives: Letters, diaries, CW150 blog
  - Library: Books, timemap
  - Cultural Resources Civil War 150 Committee: Web site in place

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- Phases = Pacing ourselves

Step 1:
Digitizing the “low hanging fruit”
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- Step 2: Metadata planning and creation

- Digital collection
- File checksum
- Dublin Core
- File name
- Creator
- File location
- Format
- Metadata creator
- Physical collection
- Title
- Subjects
- Place
Step 3: Determine navigation options
- search options
- browse topics
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- Access points for different users
Step 4: “Timemap” development
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- Individual soldier’s letters paths
Promotion

Tied into existing sites to increase visibility
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- NC State Archives’ Civil War 150 blog
  - Access page with menu link
  - Regular blog posts about items in the collection
Social media

- Twitter posts with links! #cw150
  - NCpedia
  - Webarchivist

- Facebook
  - Government & Heritage Library: facebook.com/ncghl
  - NC Archives & Records Section: facebook.com/pages/NC-State-Archives-and-Records-Section/119904548024750
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Step 6: Future
- New content
- New browse terms
- New search options

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